श्रम मंत्री (श्री एम. अरूणाचलम) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) उच्चतम न्यायालय के निर्देशों के अनुसरण में सभी राज्य/संघ क्षेत्र सरकारों को 26 दिसम्बर, 1996 को विस्तृत दिशा-निर्देश भेज दिये गये हैं जिनमें उच्चतम न्यायालय द्वारा दिये गये निर्देशों को प्रभावी रूप देने की रीति बनाई गई हैं। कामकाजी बालकों की काम से हटाने और उनके पुनर्वास के लिए उच्चतम न्यायालय के निर्देशों के कार्यान्वयन के लिए एक ठोस कार्य योजना को अंतिम रूप देने के लिए 22.1.97 को राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों के श्रम मंत्रियों का एक सम्मेलन भी आयोजित किया गया हैं। उच्चतम न्यायालय के निर्देशों के अनुसार सर्वेक्षण फार्म के साथ राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों को दिशा-निर्देश भेज दिये गये हैं।

(ग) उपर्युक्त (ख) को देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठाता।

State Welfare Boards for Construction Workers

223. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to constitute Welfare Boards at the State level to undertake suitable welfare schemes for building and construction workers of country;

(b) if so, the details thereof with the names of States and Union Territories where such Boards have been constituted and names of schemes implemented so far;

(c) whether such schemes will ensure provision of temporary living accommodation to all building workers within or near the work-site, provision of drinking water, latrines, urinals, creches, first aid and oanteens etc; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the provision of the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996, every State Government is required to constitute Welfare Boards with effect from such dates as may by notification be appointed by the respective State. As per the available information, no State has constituted such Boards so far under the Central Act. However, the Government of Kerala have set up a Construction Workers Welfare Fund Board under a State Legislation which is administering serveral i ichemes such as pension invalidity pension, death benefit, maternity benefit, marriage assistance, scholarships to children of beneficiaries etc.

(c) and (d) Provisions of temporary living accommodatior, drinking water, latrines, urinals, creches, first aid and canteens etc. are statutory requirement under the Building and Other instruction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of service) Act, 1996.

Discrimination against Women Agricultural Workers in Maharashtra

224. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that in a recent study it has been found that in Maharashtra State more than 80 per cent of male adults find employment in the agricultural sector whereas only 30 to 40 percent women find work therein;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the study also found that women in the State get just 58 per cent of the male wage;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take to end this discrimination in the State?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table to the House.